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ROGUE ROUGE

AFTER TEN LONG YEARS, THE IRON-FISTED RULE OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK OVER THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE ENDED!

NOW THE VILLIAN HAS RETURNED TO WREAK HAVOC ONCE MORE. BUT THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE WILLING TO STAND AGAINST HIM IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM.

THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BRASH, BLUE BLUR WHO JUST HAPPENS TO BE THE FASTEST THING ALIVE!

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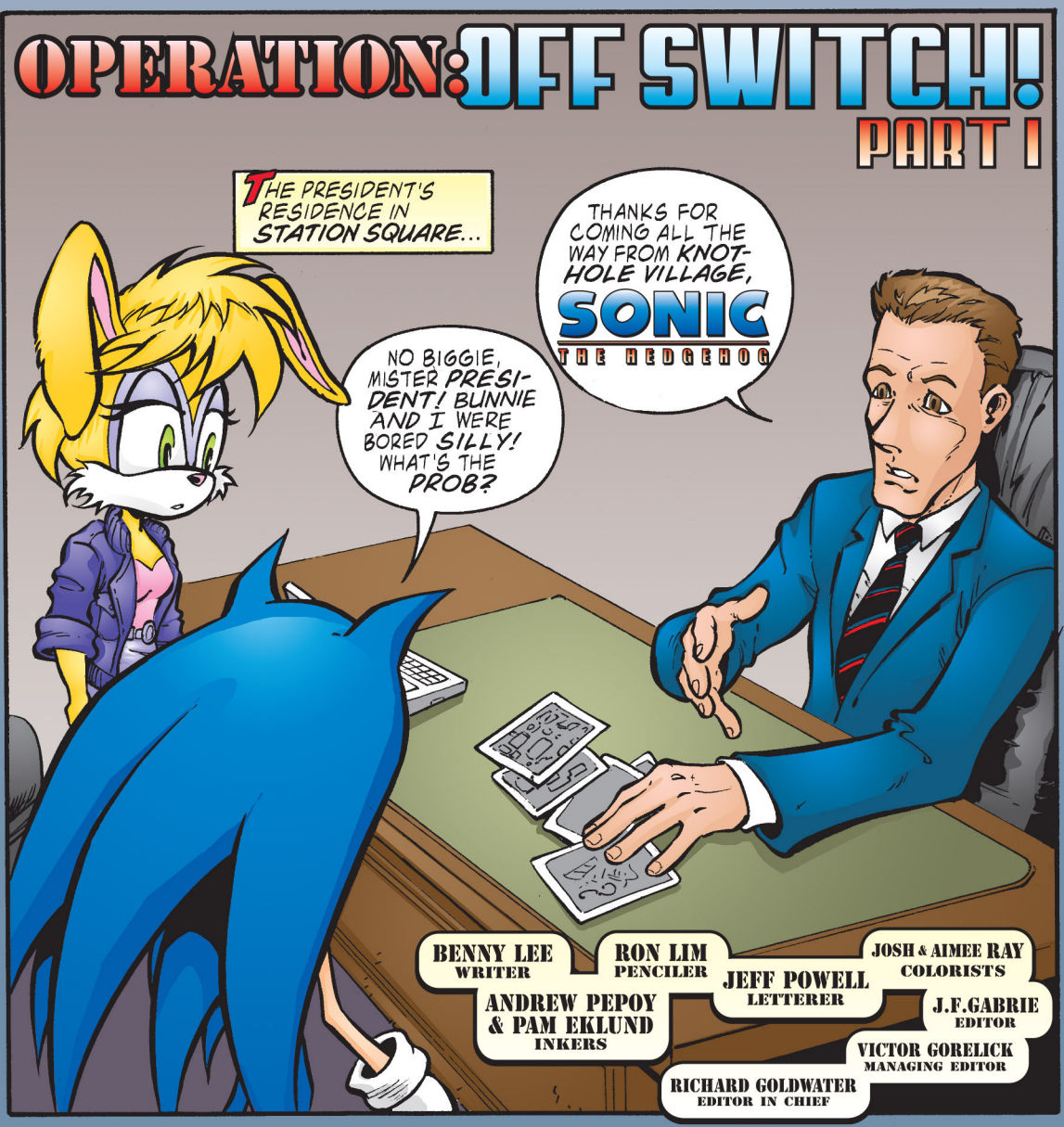
THE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE IN STATION SQUARE...
NO BIGGIE, MISTER PRESIDENT! BUNNIE AND I WERE BORED SILLY! WHAT'S THE PROB?
THANKS FOR COMING ALL THE WAY FROM KNOT-HOLE VILLAGE, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
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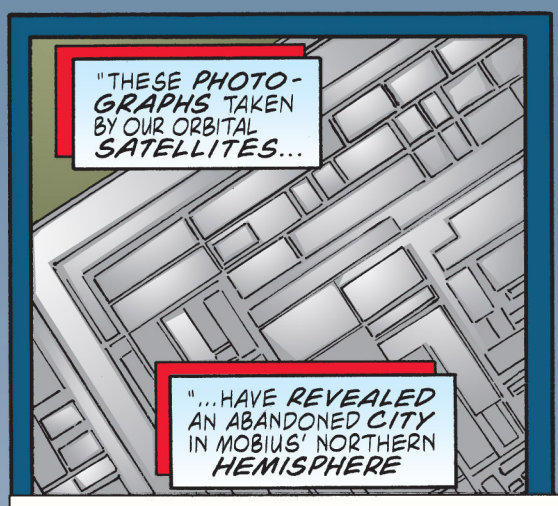

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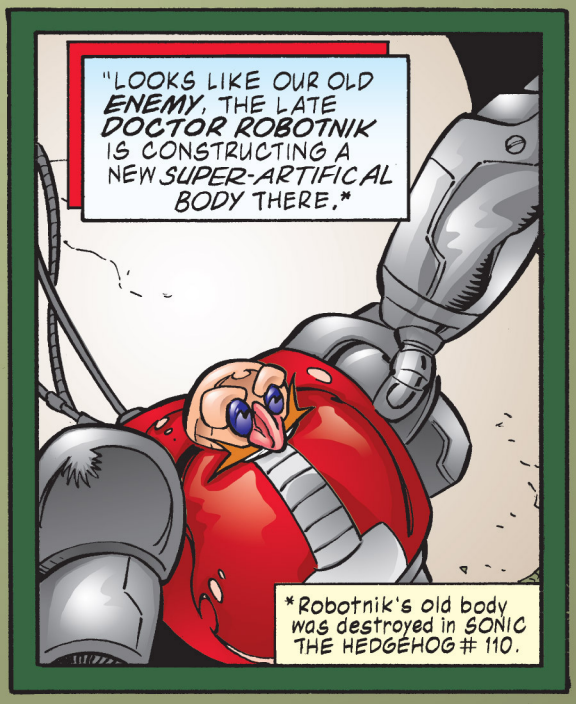
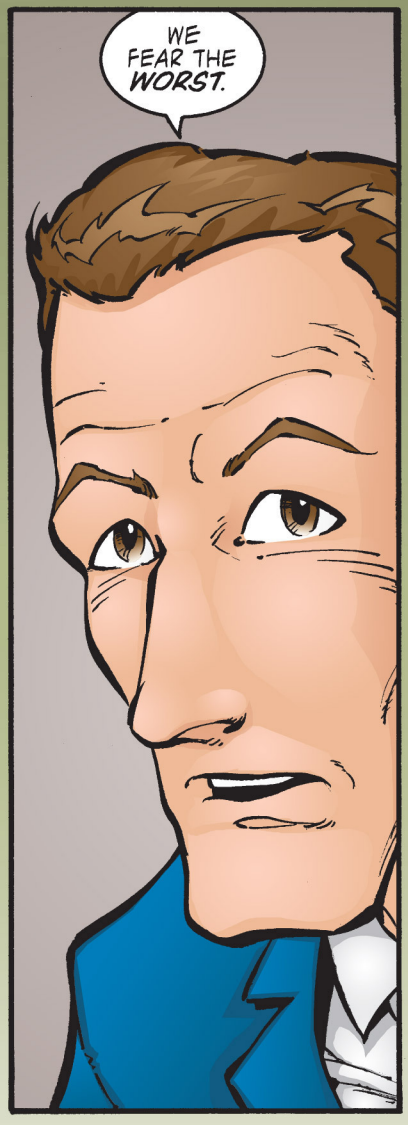
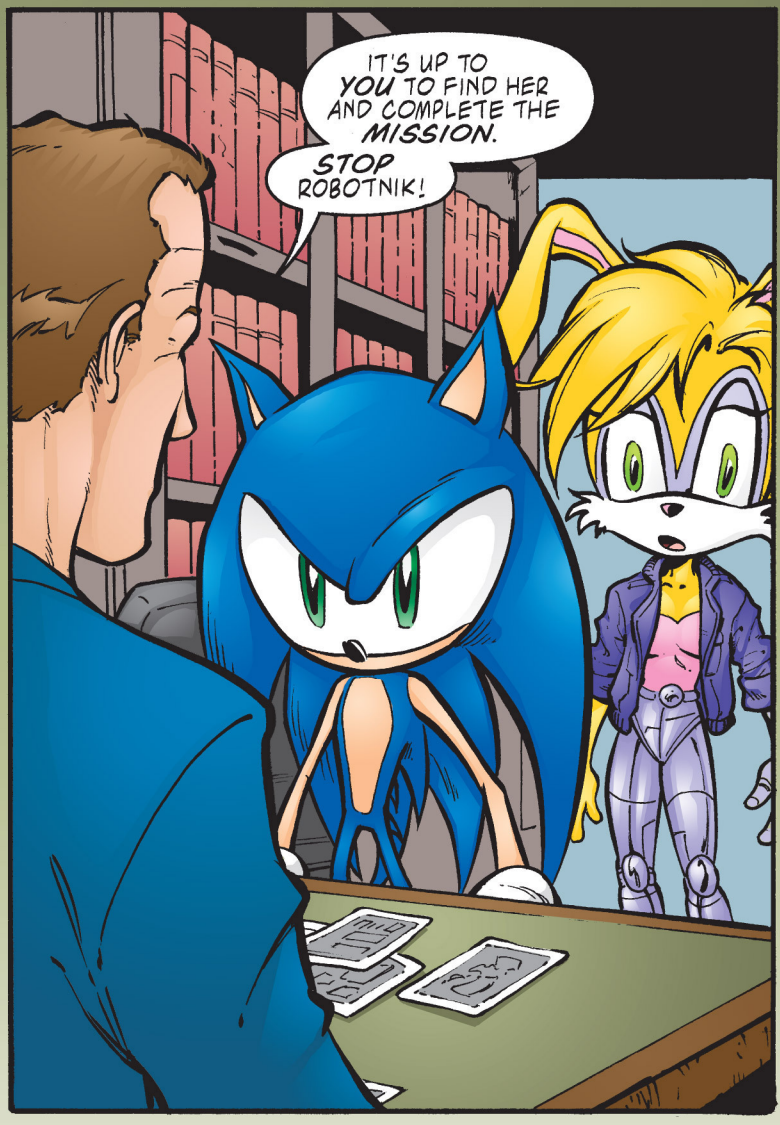
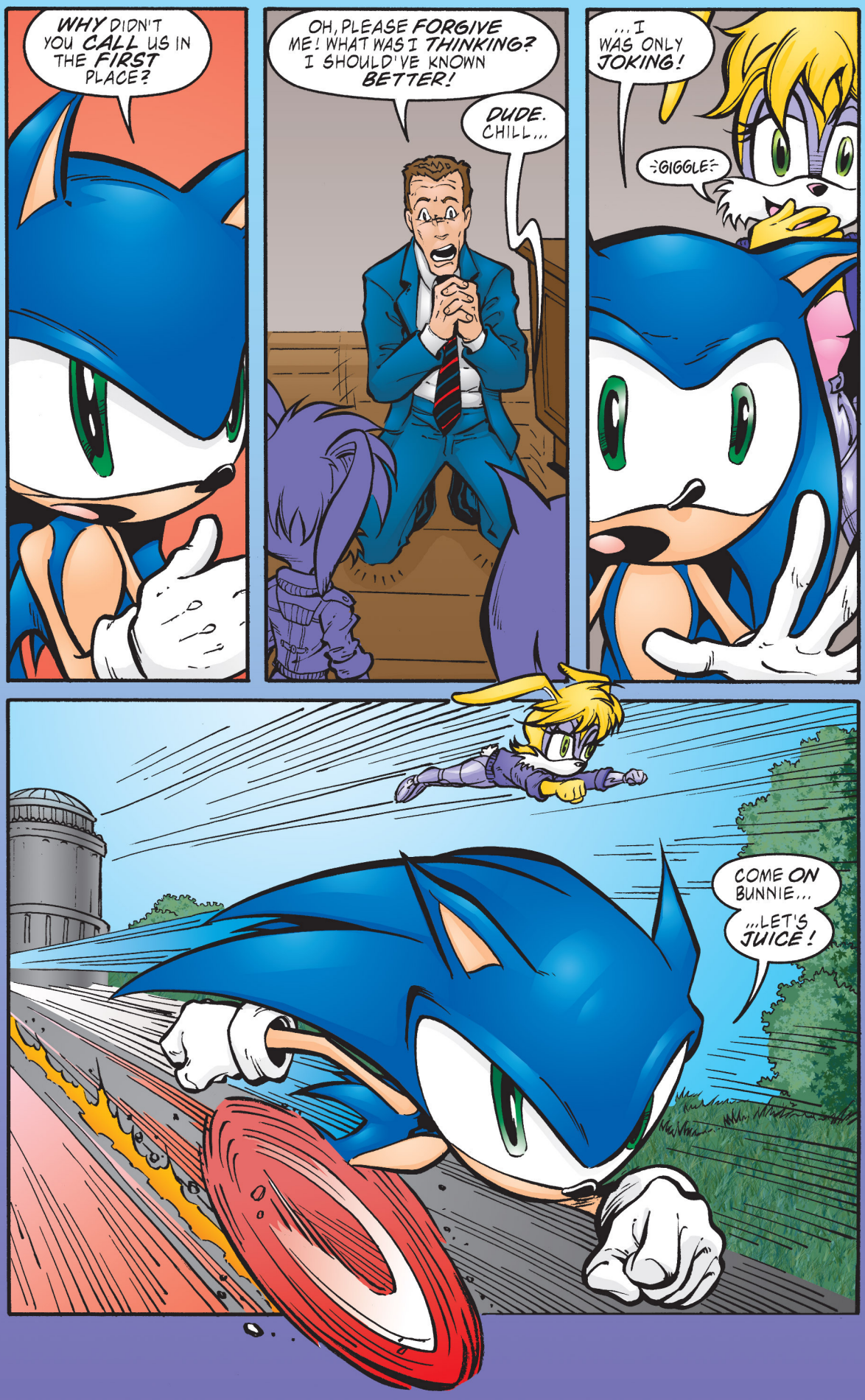

"LOOKS LIKE OUR OLD ENEMY, THE LATE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS CONSTRUCTING A NEW SUPER-ARTIFICAL BODY THERE.*
*Robotnik's old body was destroyed in SONIC THE HEDGEHOG # 110.

"ONE OF MY BEST AGENTS, ROUGE THE BAT, WAS SENT THERE NEARLY TWELVE HOURS AGO TO STOP HIM...
"...BUT SHE HASN'T BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE.


WE FEAR THE WORST.


IT'S UP TO YOU TO FIND HER AND COMPLETE THE MISSION.
STOP ROBOTNIK!


WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL US IN THE FIRST PLACE?
OH, PLEASE FORGIVE ME! WHAT WAS I THINKING? I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER!
DUDE. CHILL...
...I WAS ONLY JOKING!
=GIGGLE=
COME ON BUNNIE...
...LET'S JUICE!

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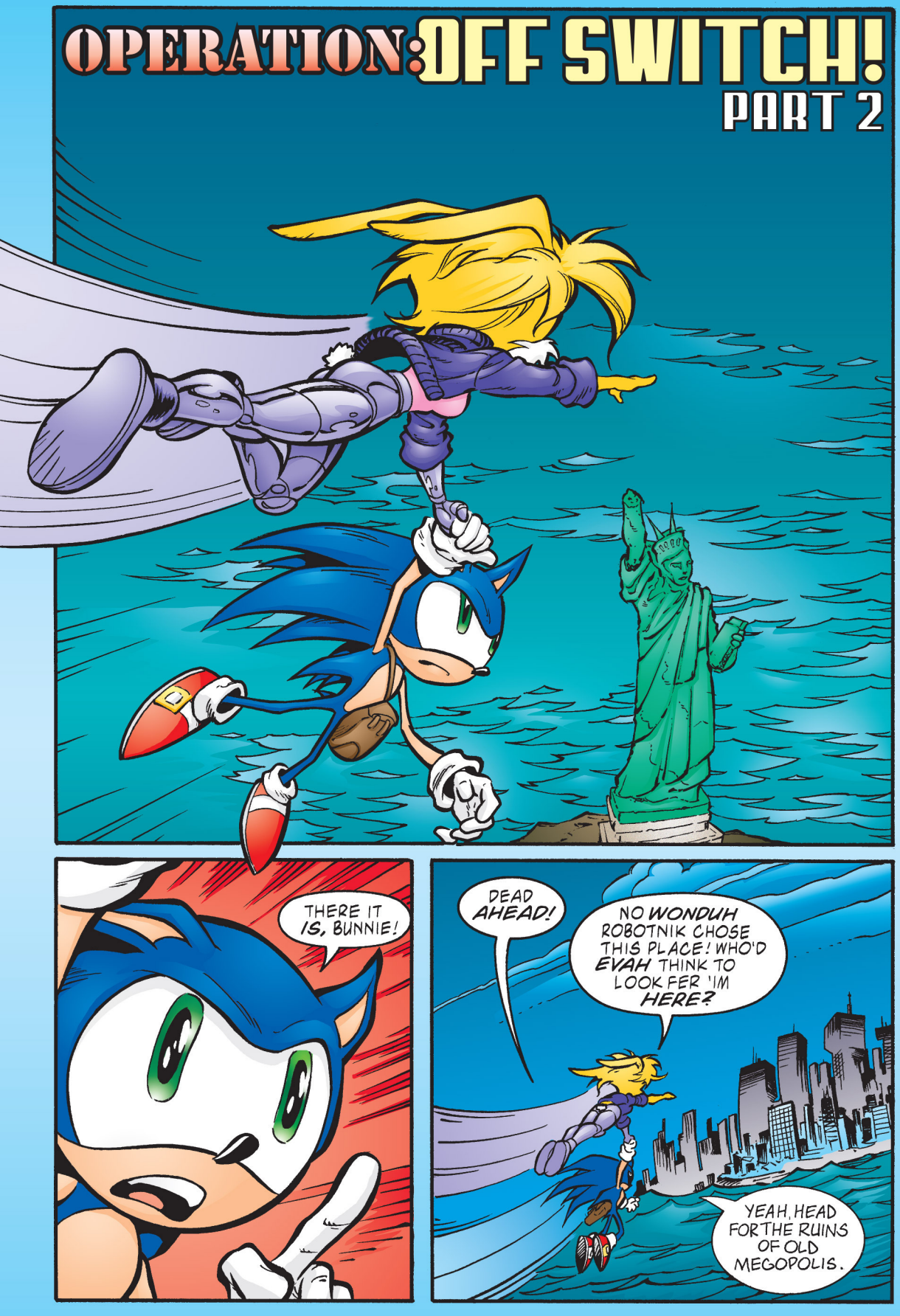
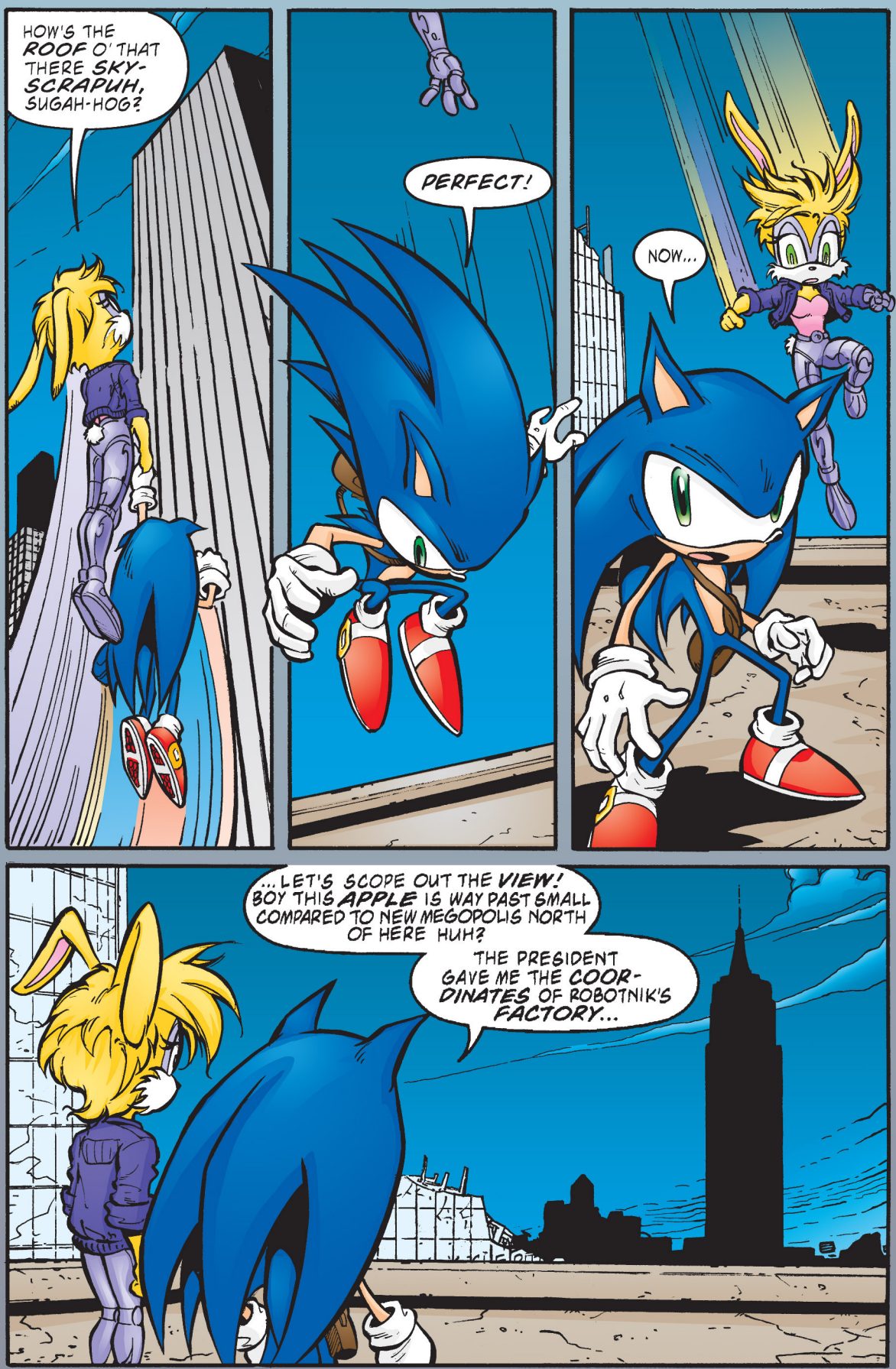
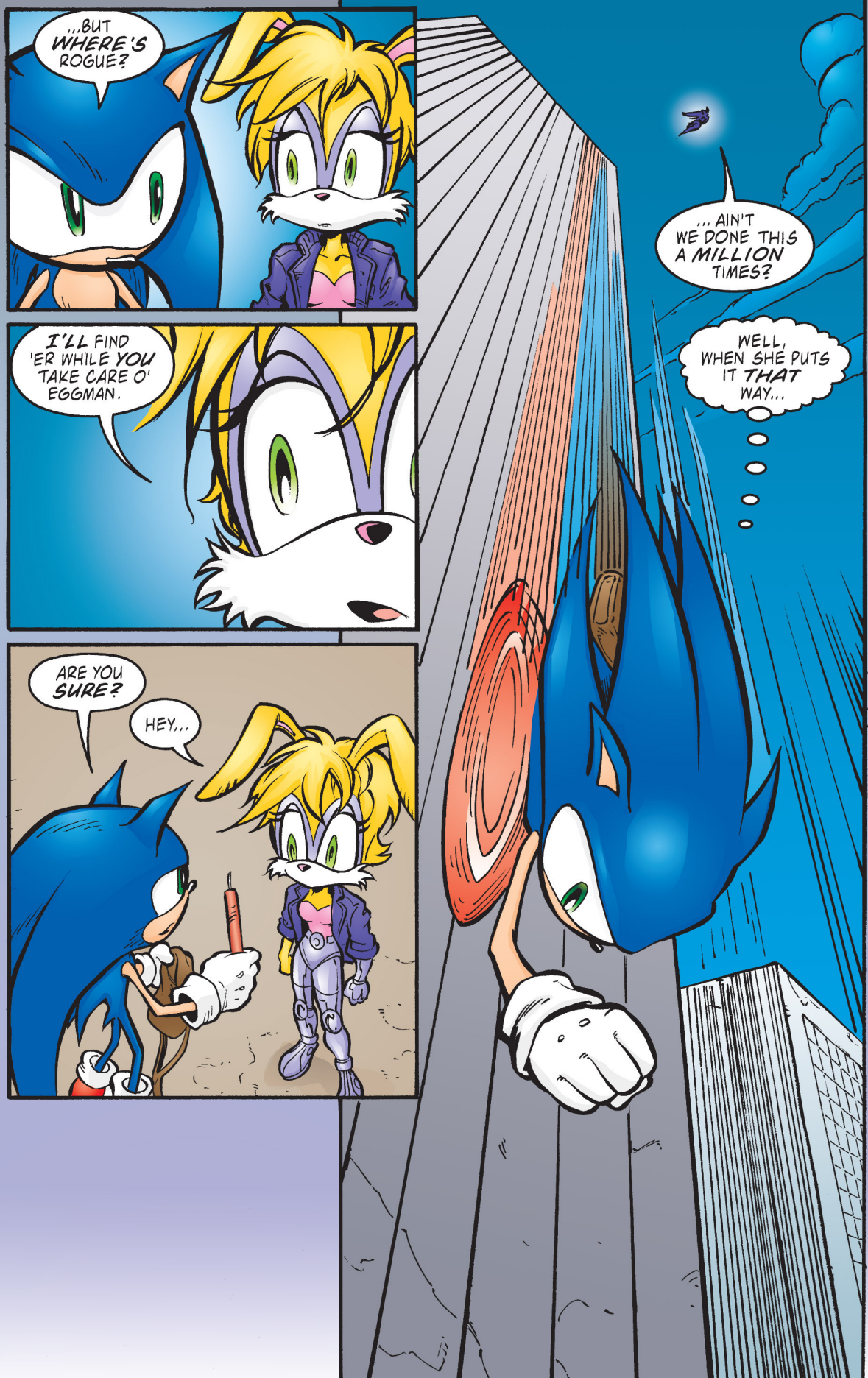
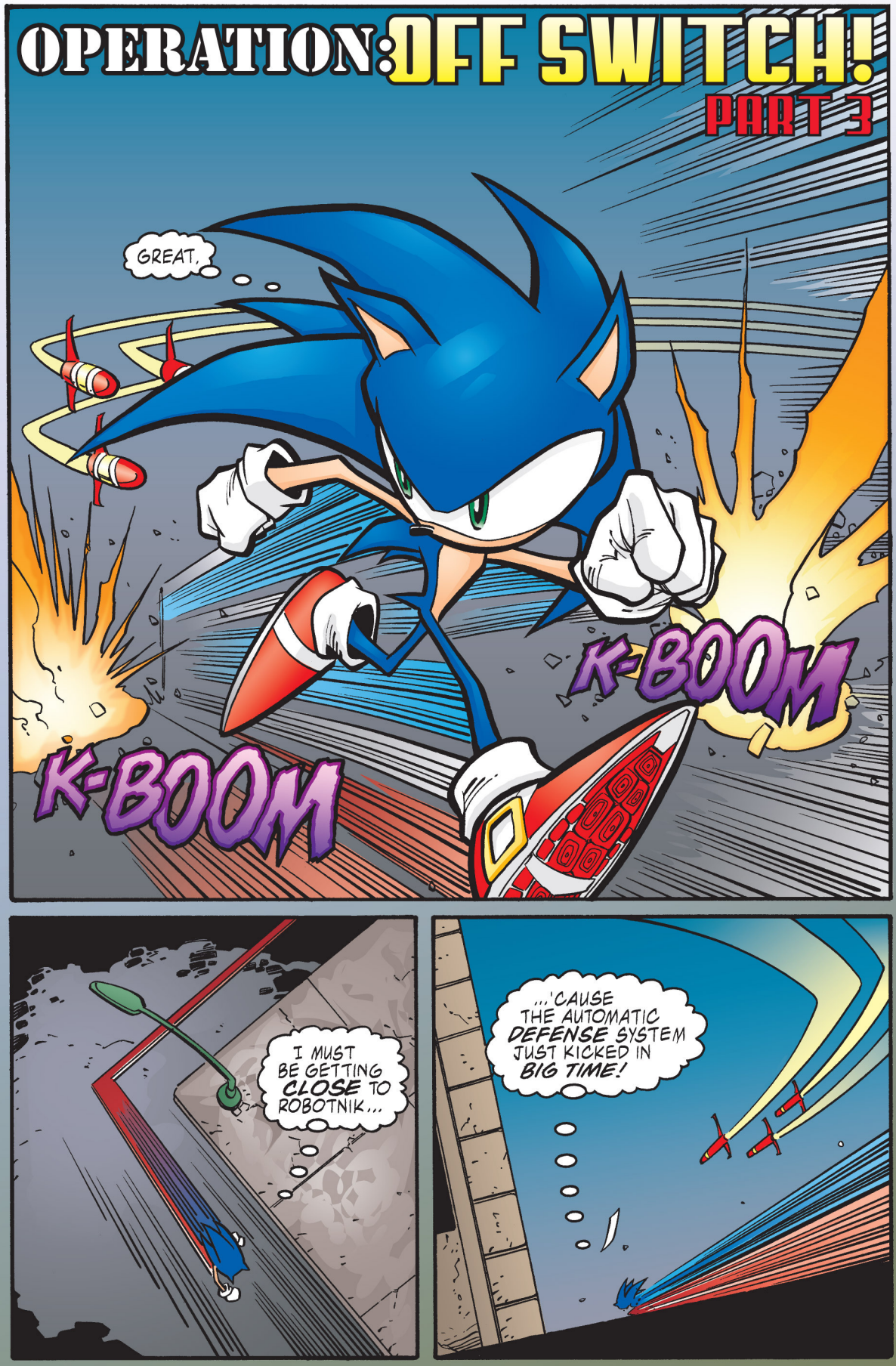

THERE IT IS, BUNNIE!
DEAD AHEAD!
NO WONDUH ROBOTNIK CHOSE THIS PLACE! WHO'D EVAH THINK TO LOOK FER 'IM HERE?
YEAH, HEAD FOR THE RUINS OF OLD MEGOPOLIS.


HOW'S THE ROOF O' THAT THERE SKY-SCRAPUH, SUGAH-HOG?
PERFECT!
NOW...
...LET'S SCOPE OUT THE VIEW! BOY THIS APPLE IS WAY PAST SMALL COMPARED TO NEW MEGOPOLIS NORTH OF HERE HUH?
THE PRESIDENT GAVE ME THE COOR-DINATES OF ROBOTNIK'S FACTORY...


...BUT WHERE'S ROGUE?
I'LL FIND 'ER WHILE YOU TAKE CARE O' EGGMAN.
ARE YOU SURE?
HEY...
... AIN'T WE DONE THIS A MILLION TIMES?
WELL, WHEN SHE PUTS IT THAT WAY...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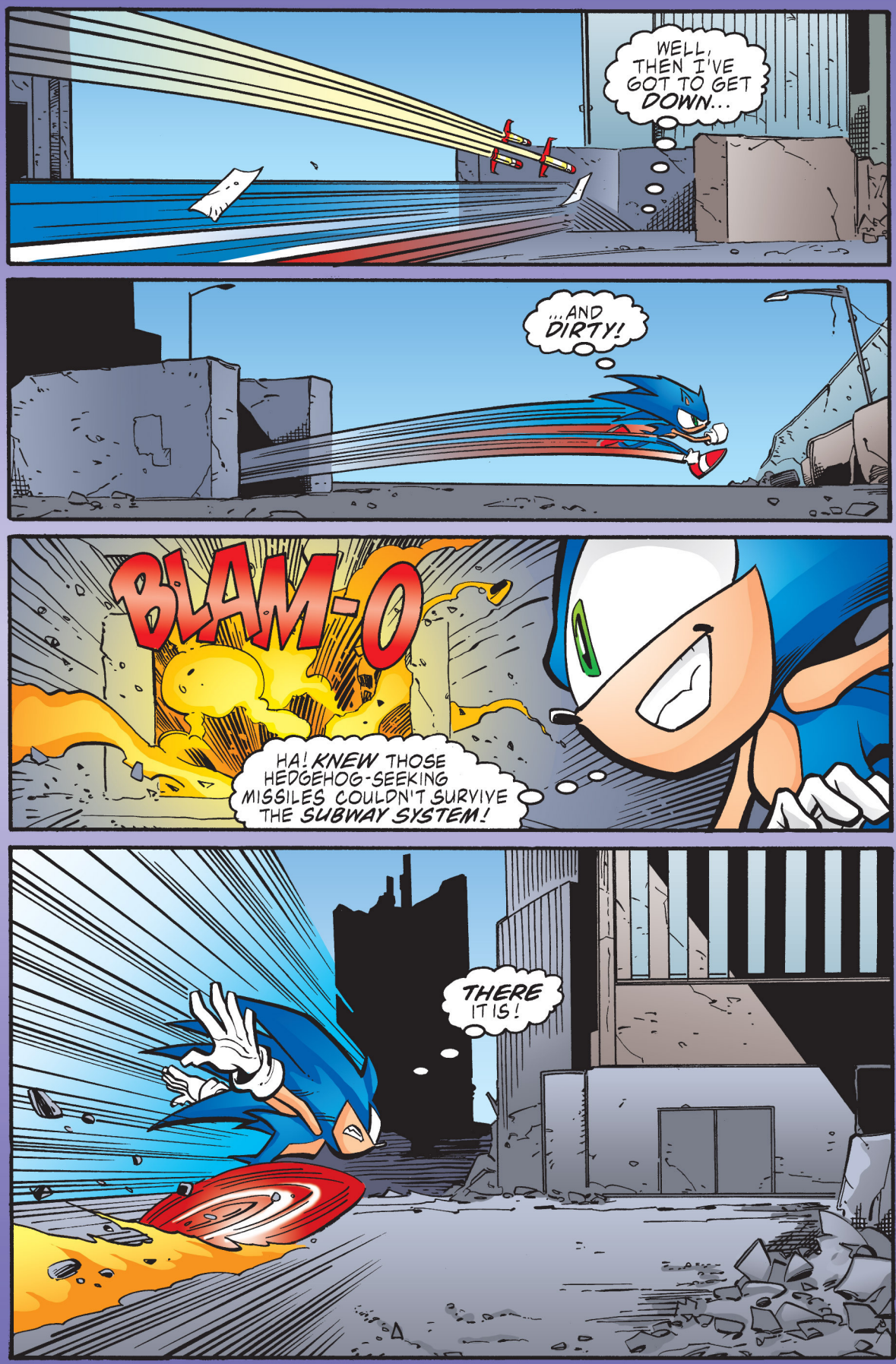
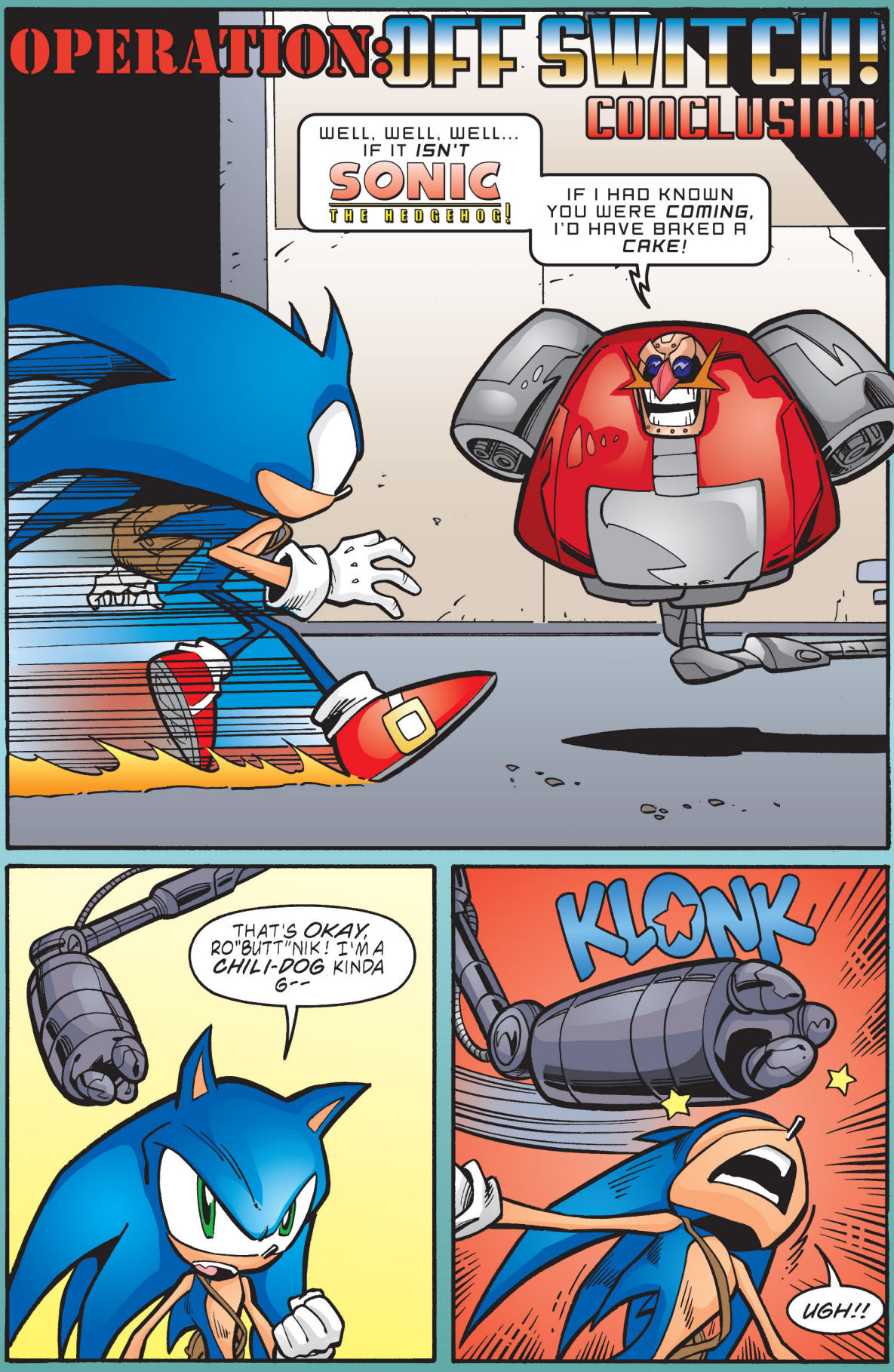
PART 3
GREAT,
K-BOOM
K-BOOM
I MUST BE GETTING CLOSE TO ROBOTNIK...
...'CAUSE THE AUTOMATIC DEFENSE SYSTEM JUST KICKED IN BIG TIME!


WELL, THEN I'VE GOT TO GET DOWN...
...AND DIRTY!
BLAM-O
HA! KNEW THOSE HEDGEHOG-SEEKING MISSILES COULDN'T SURVIVE THE SUBWAY SYSTEM!
THERE IT IS!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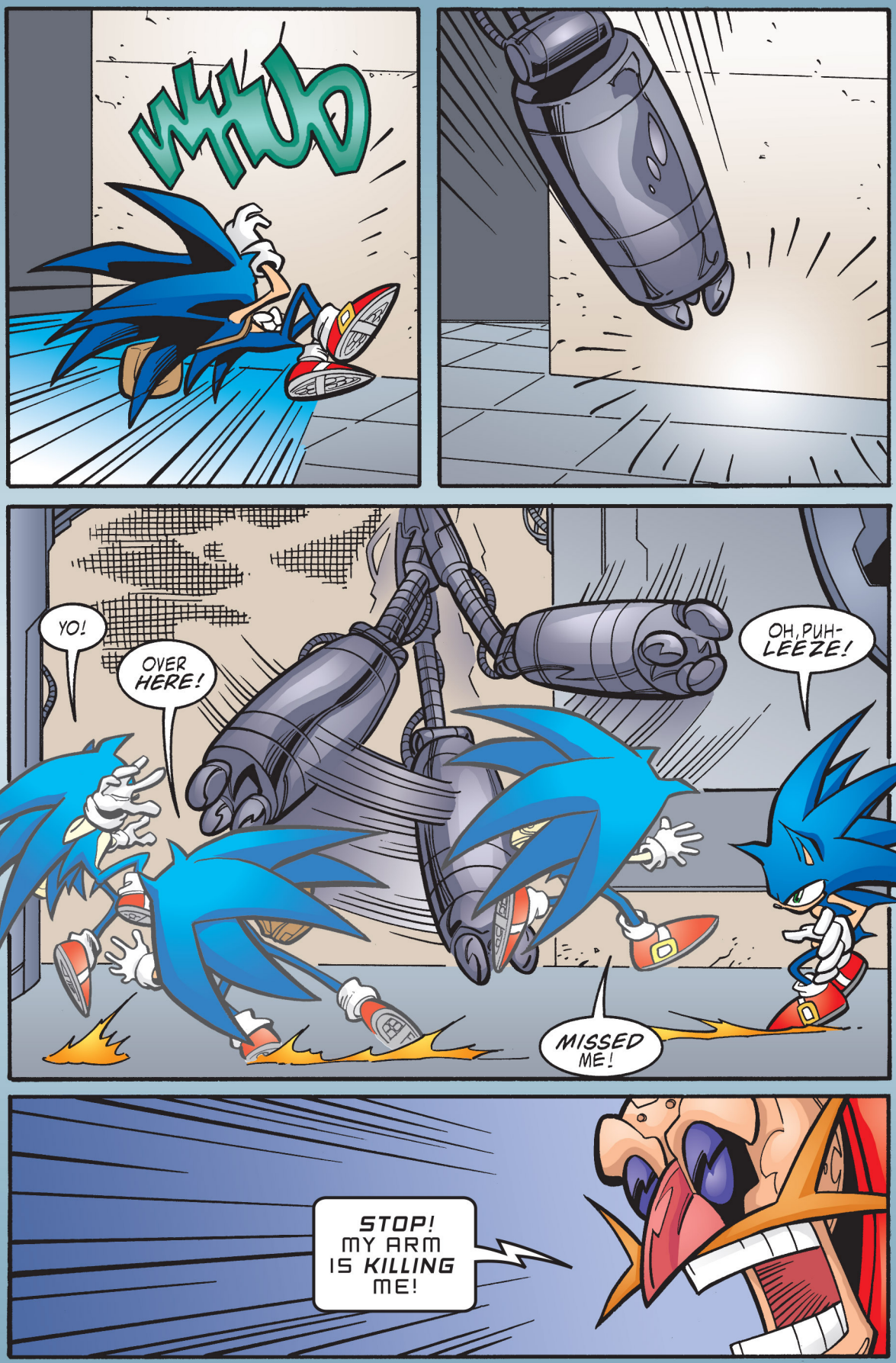
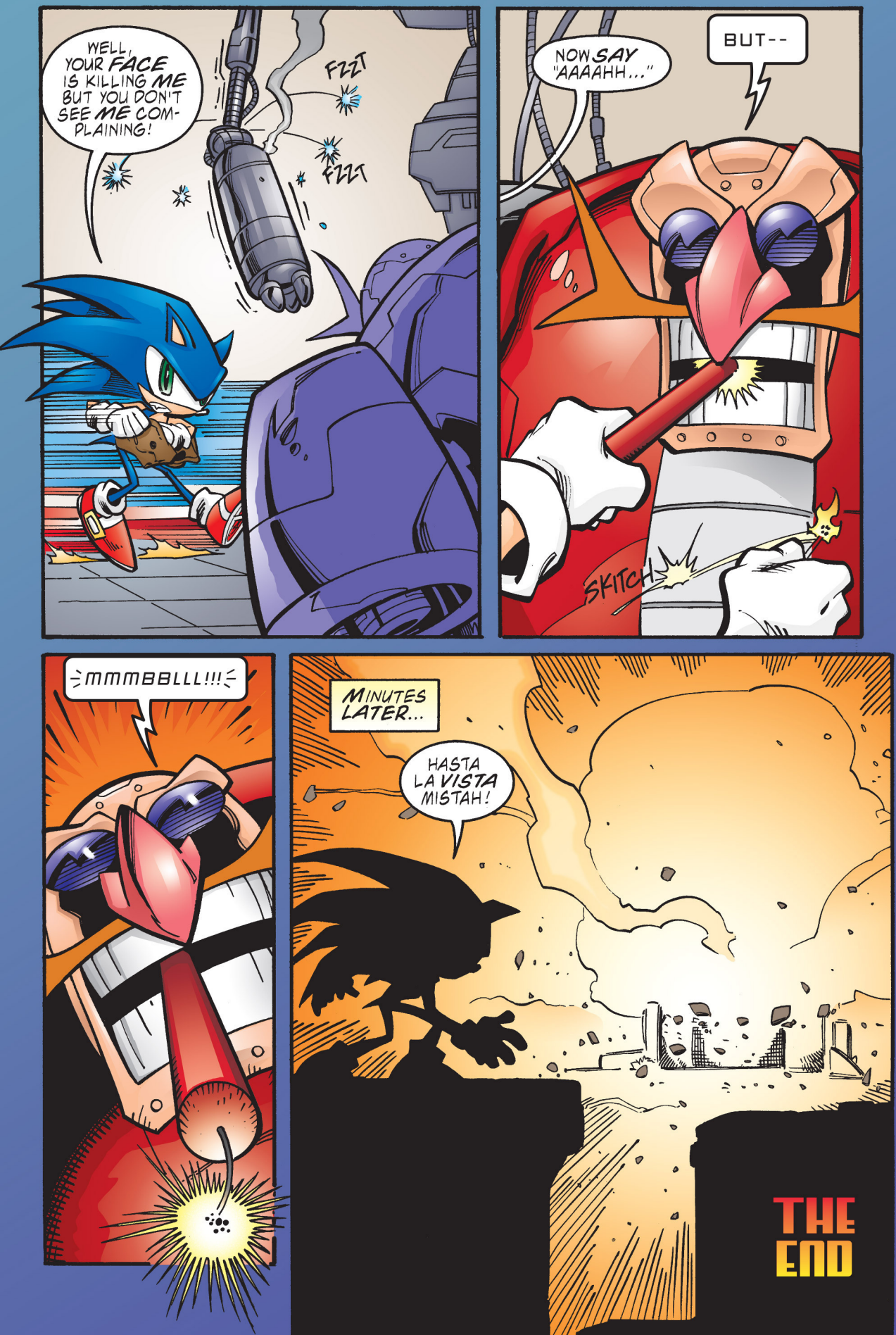
CONCLUSION
WELL, WELL, WELL... IF IT ISN'T SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
IF I HAD KNOWN YOU WERE COMING, I'D HAVE BAKED A CAKE!
THAT'S OKAY, RO"BUTT"NIK! I'M A CHILI-DOG KINDA G--
KLONK
UGH!!


WHUD
YO!
OVER HERE!
OH, PUH-LEEZE!
MISSED ME!
STOP! MY ARM IS KILLING ME!


WELL, YOUR FACE IS KILLING ME BUT YOU DON'T SEE ME COMPLAINING!
FZZT
FZZT
NOW SAY "AAAAHH..."
BUT--
SKITCH
MMMBBLLL!!!
MINUTES LATER...
HASTA LA VISTA MISTAH!
THE END

BAT FIGHT!
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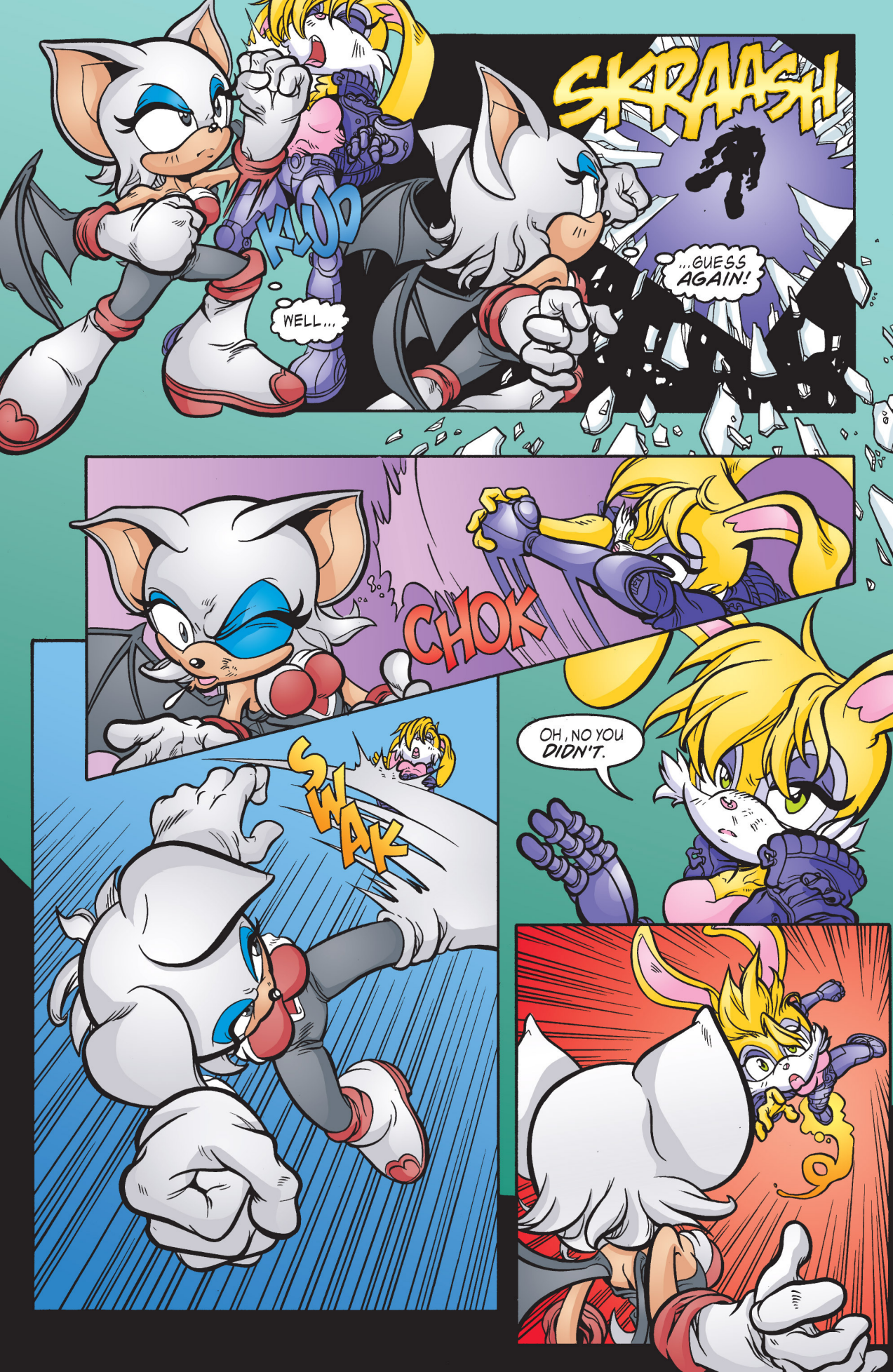
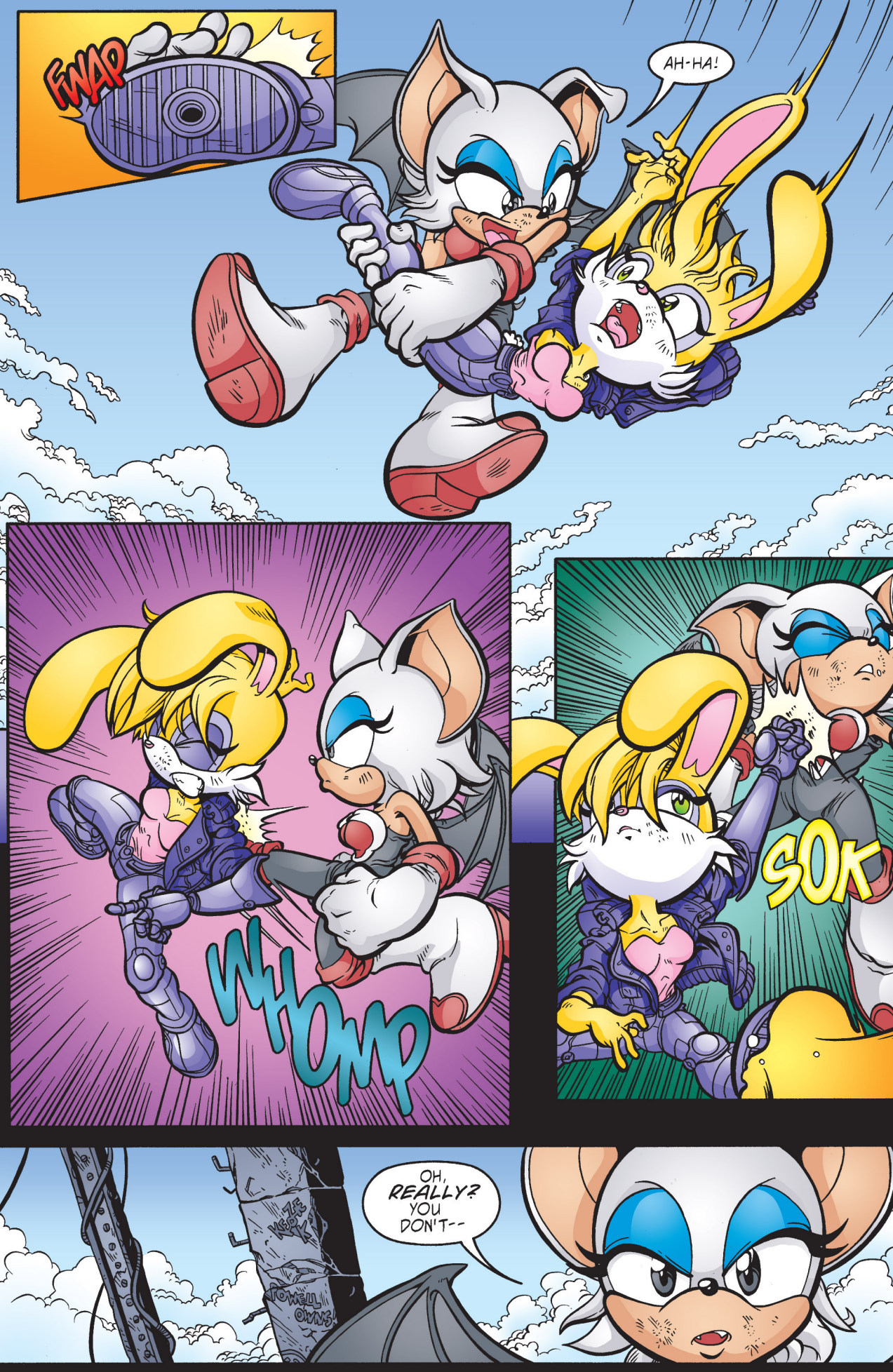
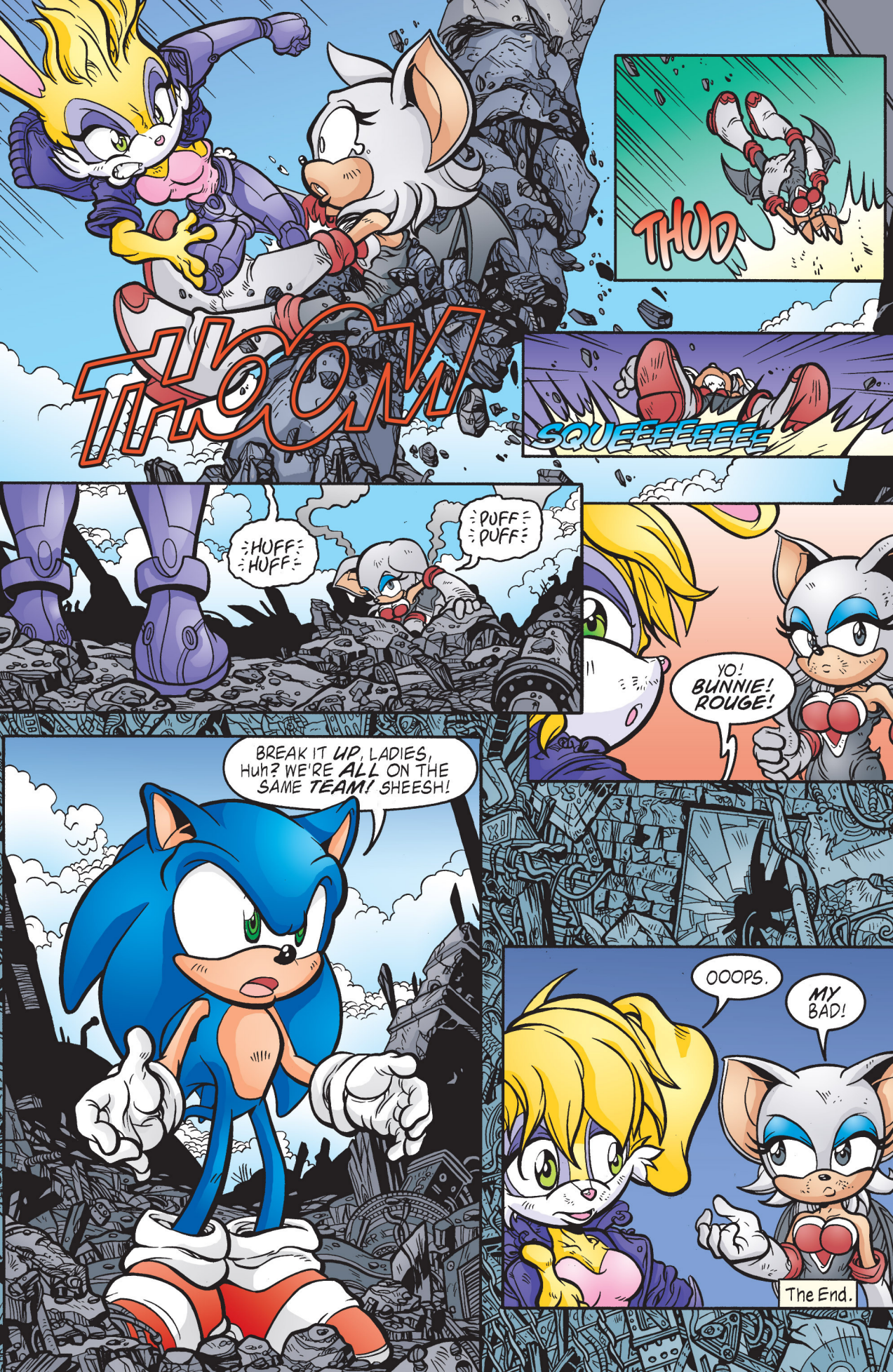
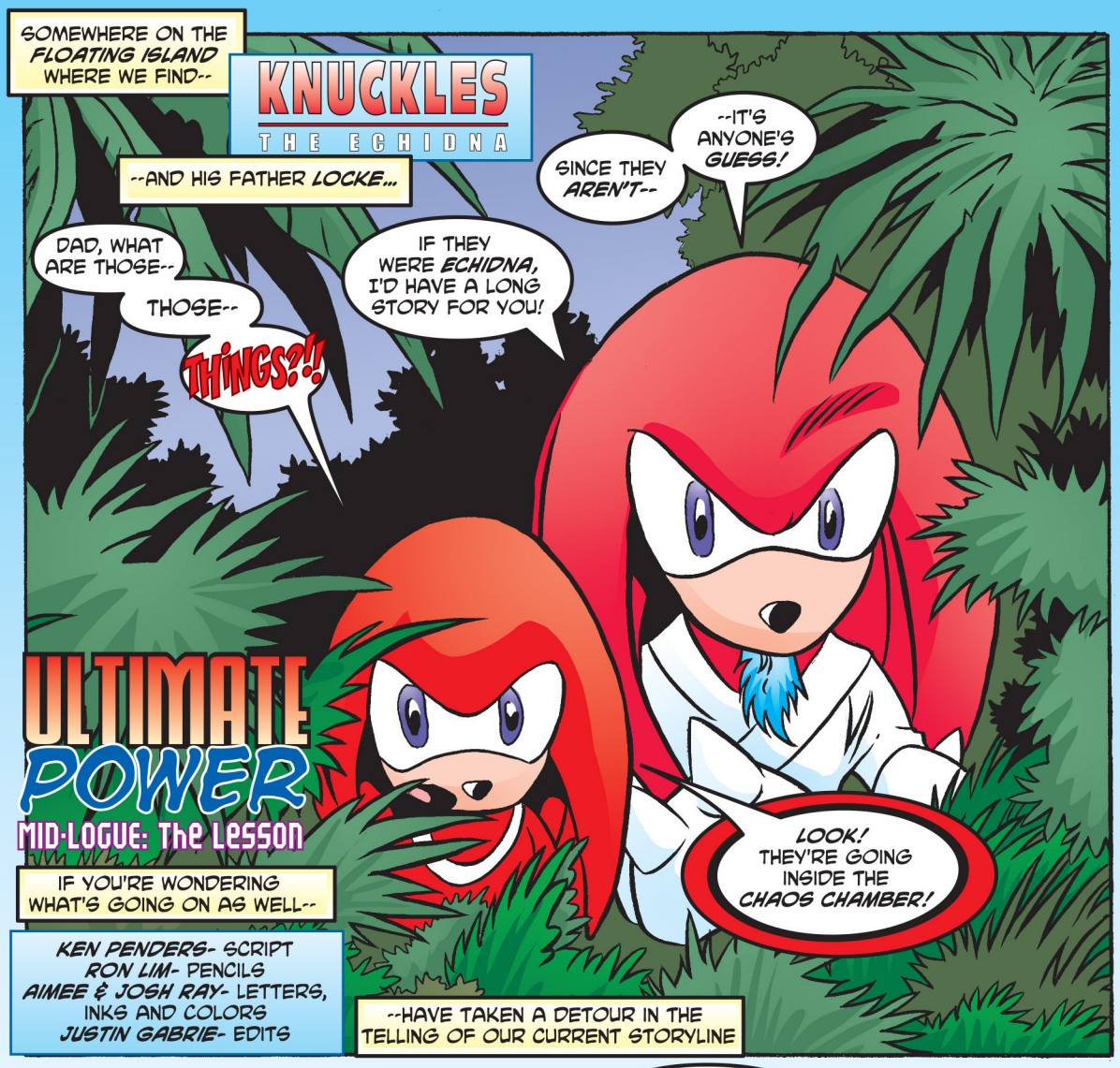
J. AKER PENCILER
JIM AMASH INKER
J. POWELL LETTERER
JAN A RAY COLORIST
J.F. GABRIE REFEREE
Hmf! CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT ZAPPED WHILE FLYING THROUGH THE CITY'S DE-FENSE GRID!
OH, WELL! I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO DEACTI-VATE THIS HI-TECH JAIL CELL AND--
FZZZLL
--ESCAPE.
WELL, THAT WAS EASY... A BIT TOO EASY...
...AND NO WONDER WHY: IT'S A CYBORG! PROBABLY PROGRAMMED BY ROBOTNIK TO -LICE N' DICE!
HOWDY!

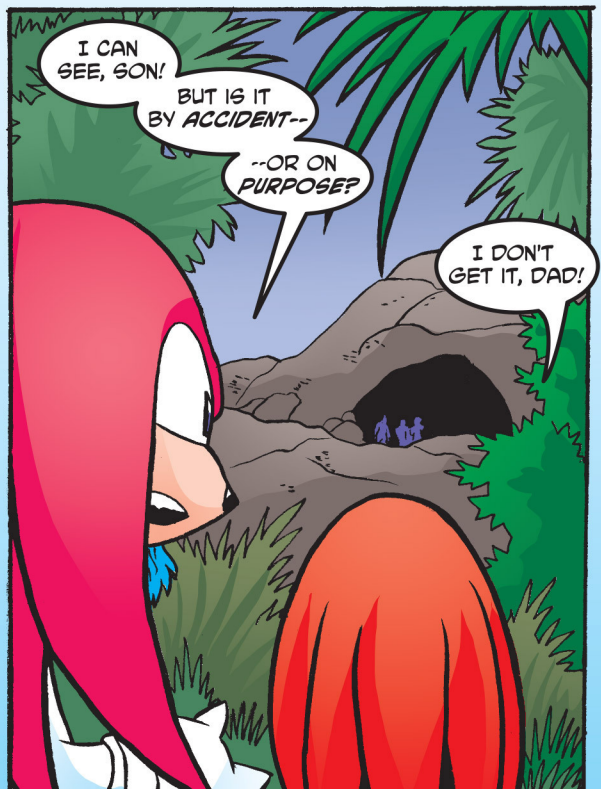

KLUD
WELL...
SKRAASH
...GUESS AGAIN!
CHOK
SWAK
OH, NO YOU DIDN'T.

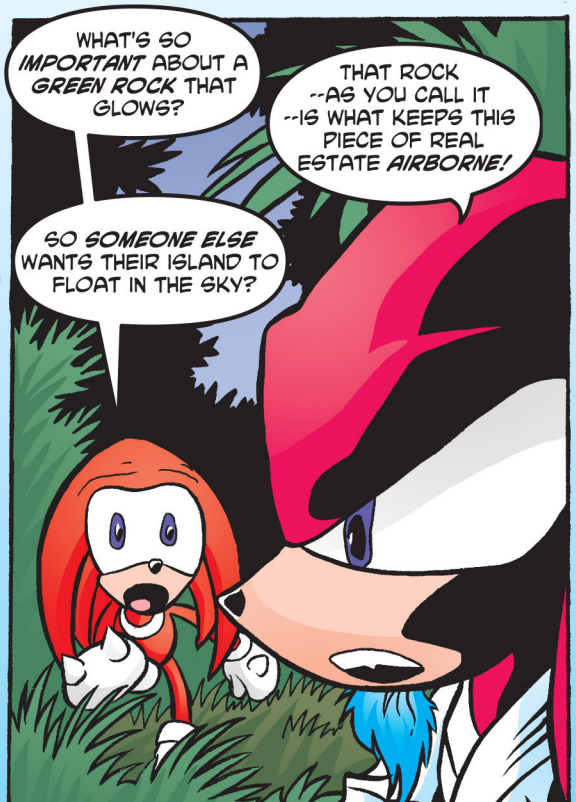

FWAP
AH-HA!
WHOMP
SOK
OH, REALLY? YOU DON'T--

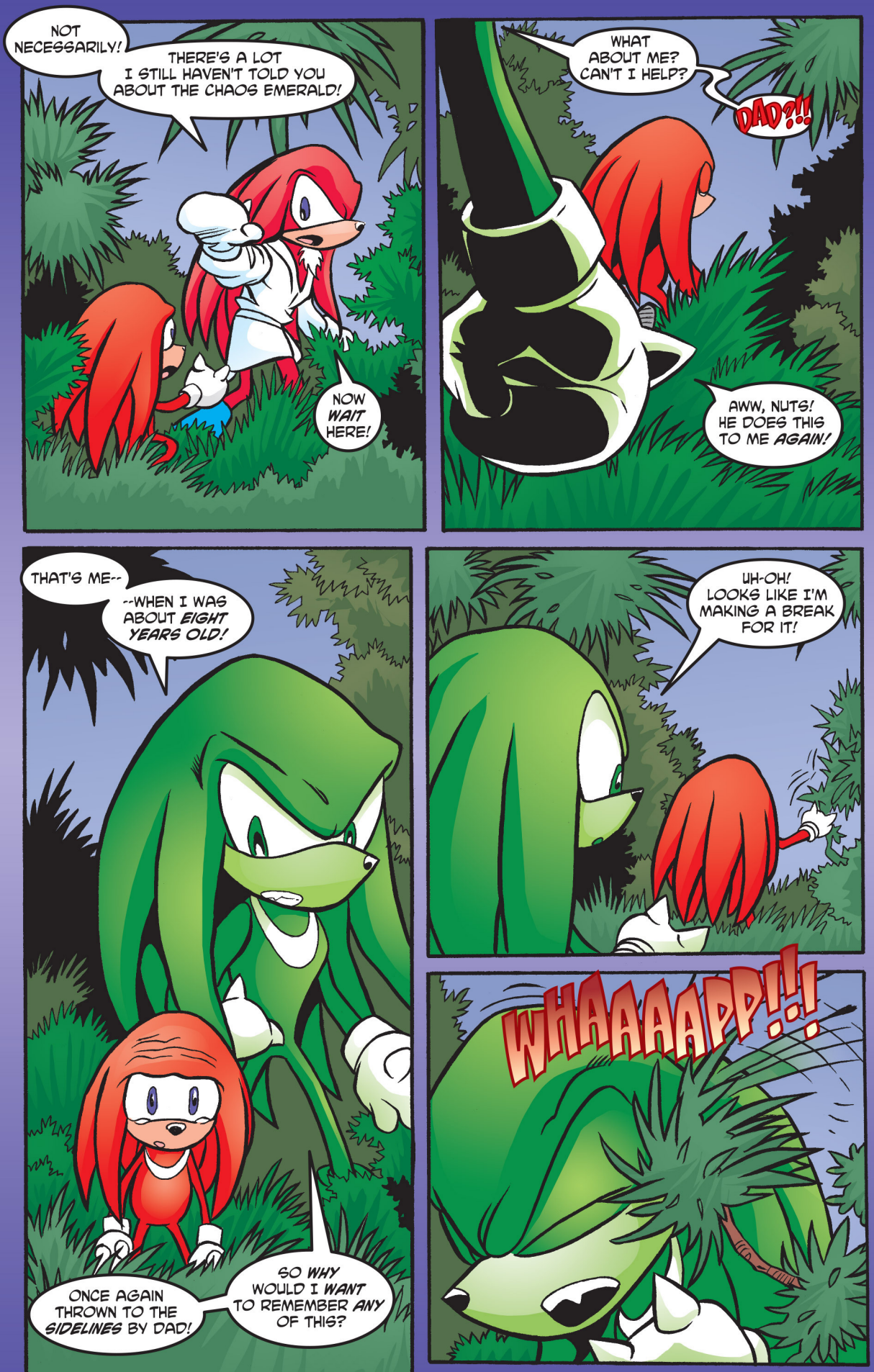
--SAY!
WHUD
GAH!
WHOOSH
KLOKT
BIF
KERRRRRK

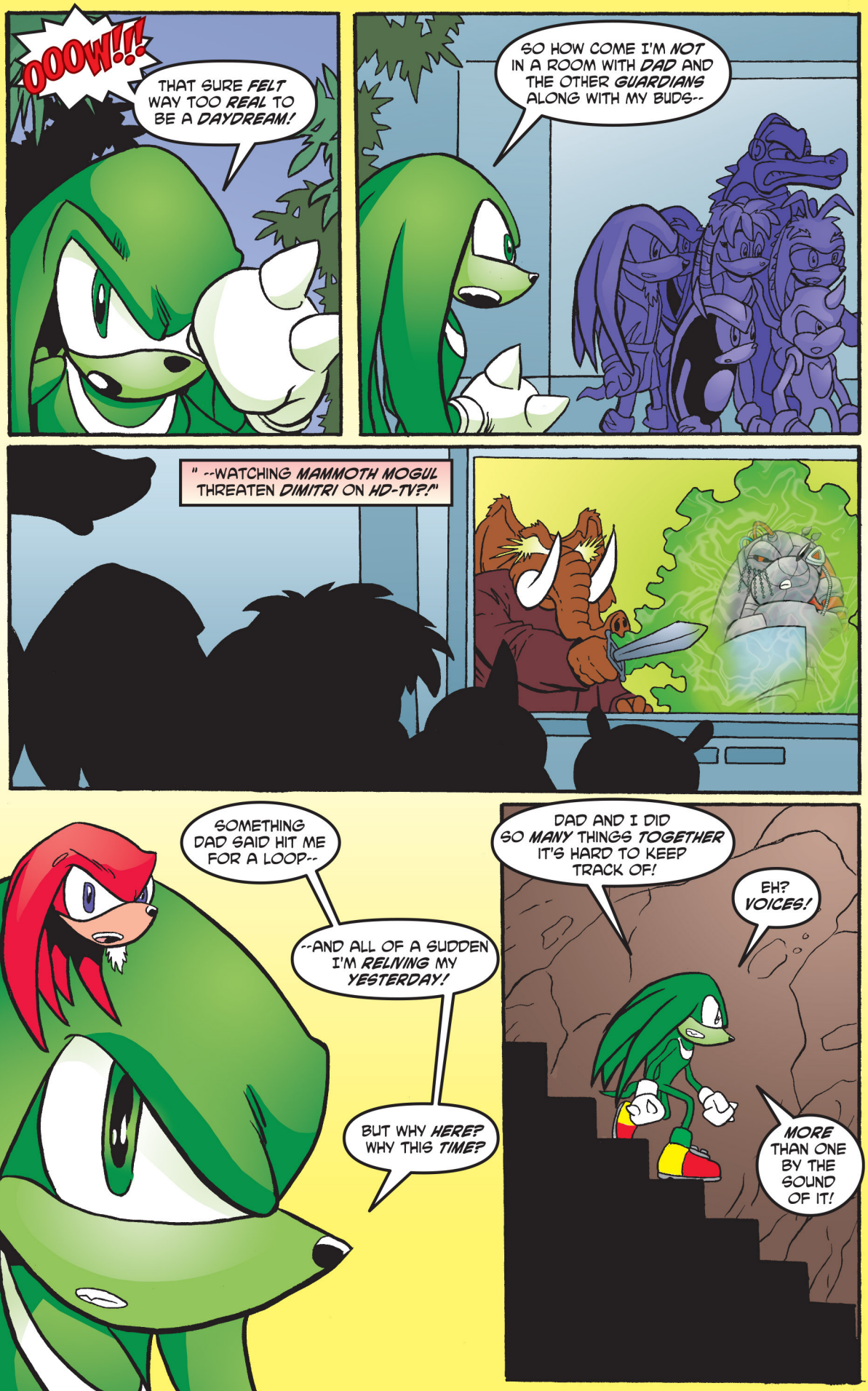

THUD
KABOOM
SQUEEEEEEEEE
HUFF HUFF
PUFF PUFF
YO! BUNNIE! ROUGE!
BREAK IT UP, LADIES, Huh? WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME TEAM! SHEESH!
OOOPS.
MY BAD!
The End.

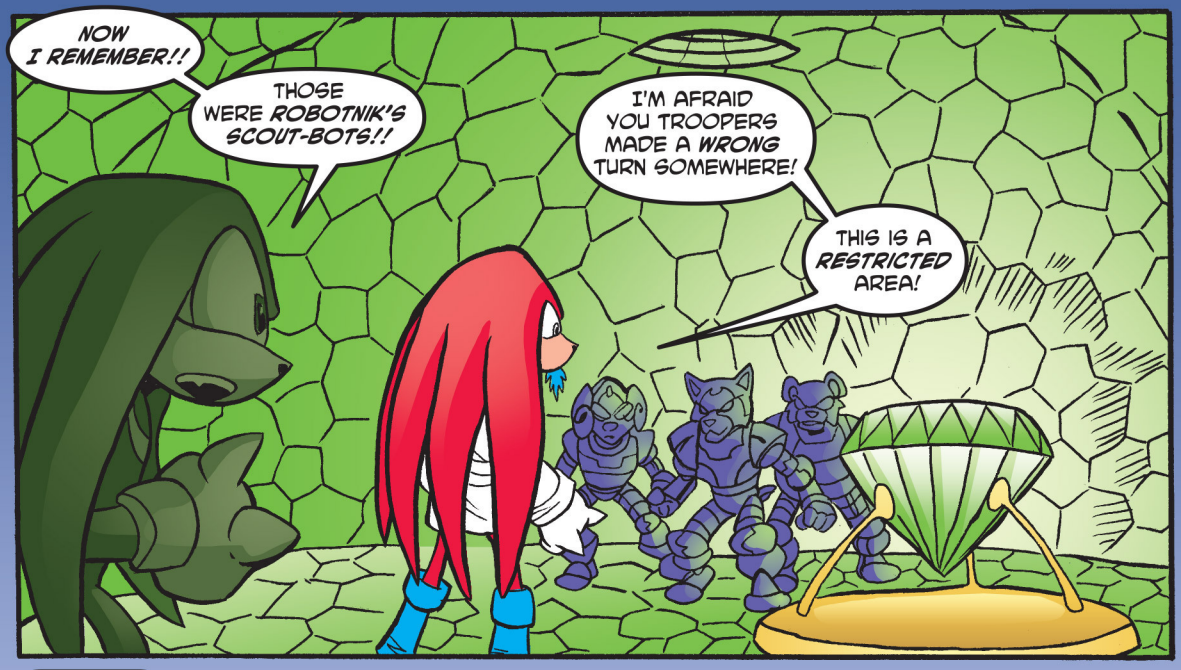

SOMEWHERE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND WHERE WE FIND--
KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA
--AND HIS FATHER LOCKE...
DAD, WHAT ARE THOSE--
THOSE--
THINGS?!!
IF THEY WERE ECHIDNA, I'D HAVE A LONG STORY FOR YOU!
SINCE THEY AREN'T--
--IT'S ANYONE'S GUESS!
ULTIMATE POWER
MID-LOGUE: The Lesson
IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT'S GOING ON AS WELL--
KEN PENDERS- SCRIPT
RON LIM- PENCILS
AIMEE & JOSH RAY- LETTERS, INKS AND COLORS
JUSTIN GABRIE- EDITS
--HAVE TAKEN A DETOUR IN THE TELLING OF OUR CURRENT STORYLINE
LOOK! THEY'RE GOING INSIDE THE CHAOS CHAMBER!


I CAN SEE, SON!
BUT IS IT BY ACCIDENT--
--OR ON PURPOSE?
I DON'T GET IT, DAD!

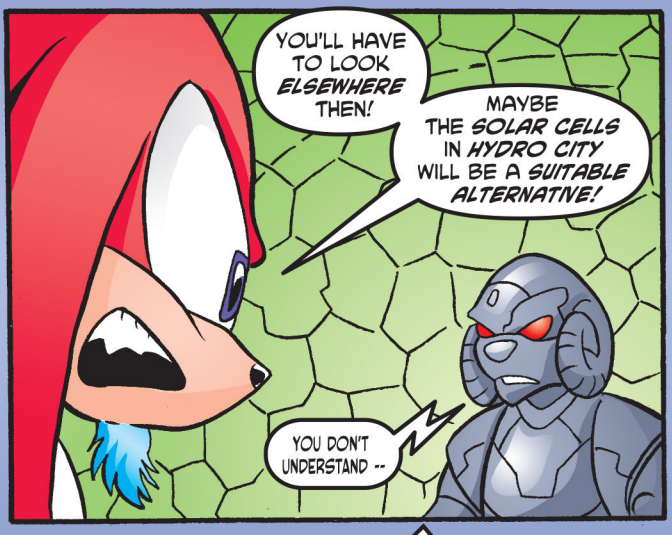

WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT A GREEN ROCK THAT GLOWS?
THAT ROCK --AS YOU CALL IT --IS WHAT KEEPS THIS PIECE OF REAL ESTATE AIRBORNE!
SO SOMEONE ELSE WANTS THEIR ISLAND TO FLOAT IN THE SKY?


NOT NECESSARILY!
THERE'S A LOT I STILL HAVEN'T TOLD YOU ABOUT THE CHAOS EMERALD!
NOW *WAIT* HERE!
WHAT ABOUT ME? CAN'T I HELP?
DAD?!!
AWW, NUTS! HE DOES THIS TO ME *AGAIN!*
THAT'S ME--
--WHEN I WAS ABOUT *EIGHT YEARS OLD!*
ONCE AGAIN THROWN TO THE *SIDELINES* BY DAD!
SO *WHY* WOULD I *WANT* TO REMEMBER *ANY* OF THIS?
UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE I'M MAKING A BREAK FOR IT!
WHAAAAAPP!!!


OOOW!!!
THAT SURE FELT WAY TOO REAL TO BE A DAYDREAM!
SO HOW COME I'M NOT IN A ROOM WITH DAD AND THE OTHER GUARDIANS ALONG WITH MY BUDS--
" --WATCHING MAMMOTH MOGUL THREATEN DIMITRI ON HD-TV?!"
SOMETHING DAD SAID HIT ME FOR A LOOP--
--AND ALL OF A SUDDEN I'M RELIVING MY YESTERDAY!
BUT WHY HERE? WHY THIS TIME?
DAD AND I DID SO MANY THINGS TOGETHER IT'S HARD TO KEEP TRACK OF!
EH? VOICES!
MORE THAN ONE BY THE SOUND OF IT!

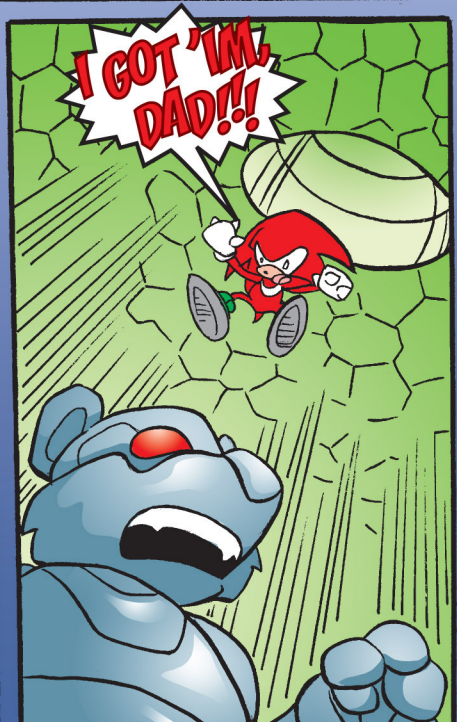

NOW I REMEMBER!!
THOSE WERE ROBOTNIK'S SCOUT-BOTS!!
I'M AFRAID YOU TROOPERS MADE A WRONG TURN SOMEWHERE!
THIS IS A RESTRICTED AREA!

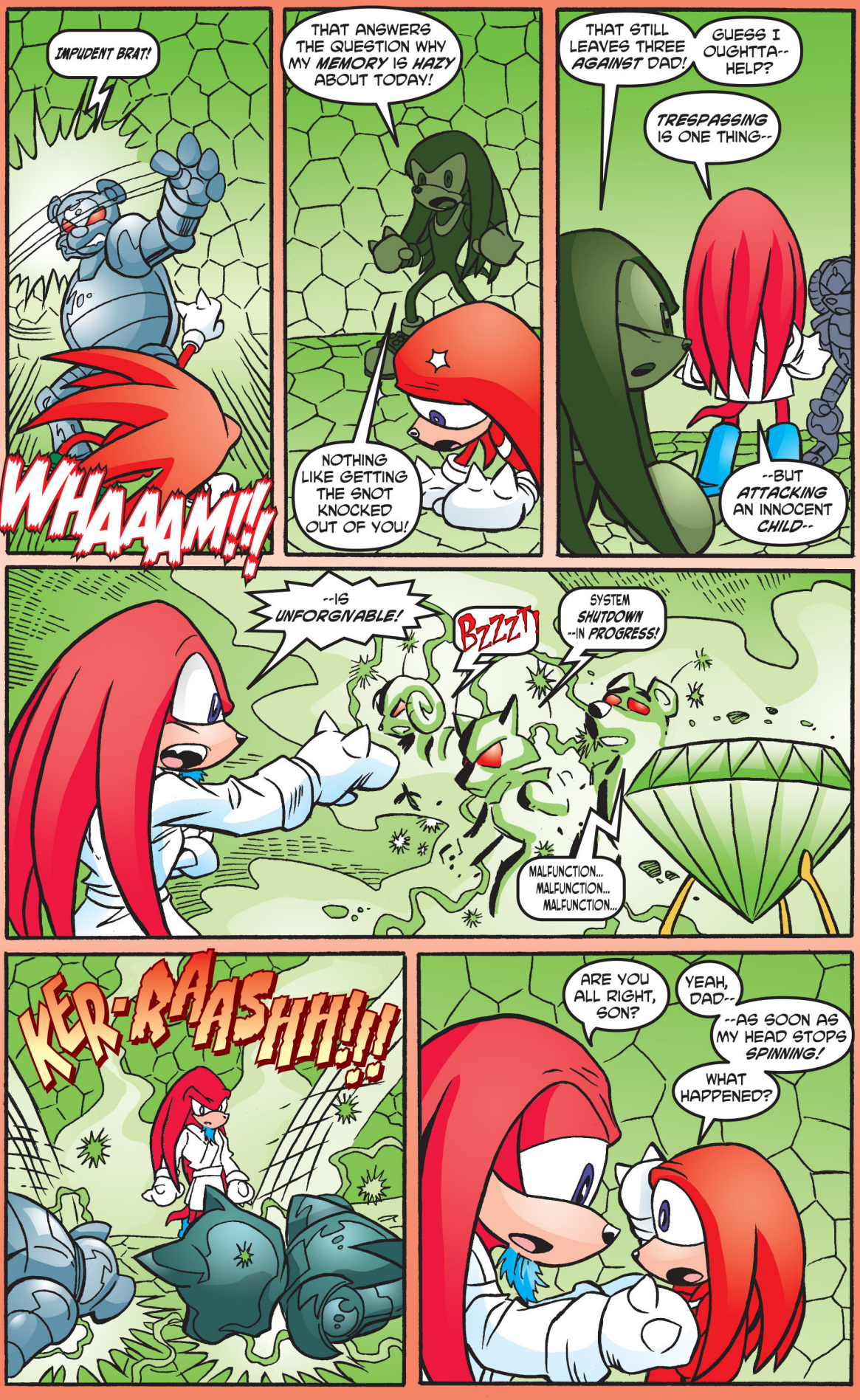
OUR SHIP IS LOW ON FUEL--
-- AND OUR TRANSPONDERS REGISTER THIS MINERAL AS A COMPATIBLE SOURCE OF ENERGY!

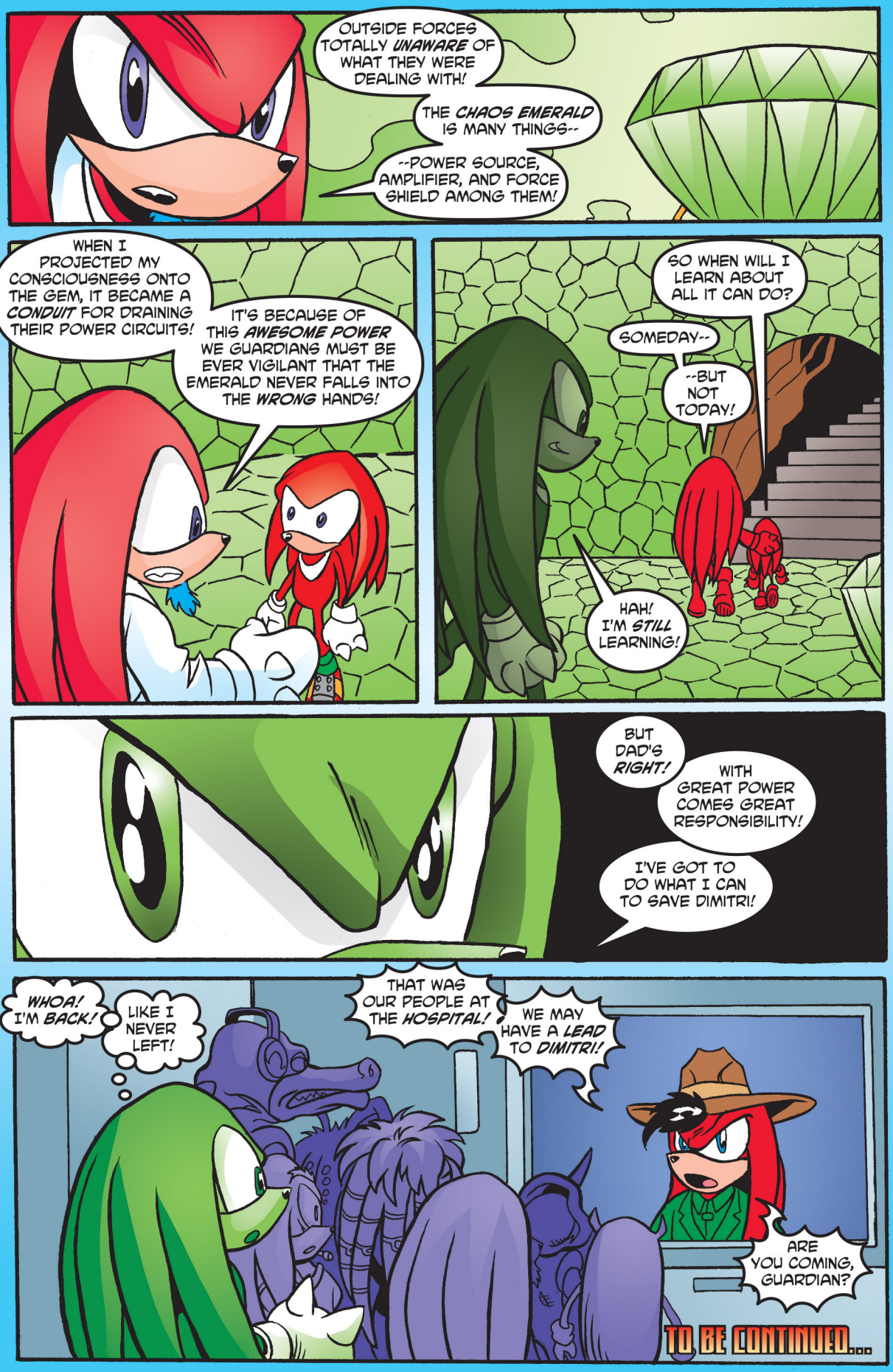

YOU'LL HAVE TO LOOK ELSEWHERE THEN!
MAYBE THE SOLAR CELLS IN HYDRO CITY WILL BE A SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND --

OUR PROGRAMMING SPECIFICALLY ORDERS US TO SEIZE ANY POWER SOURCE OF GREATER CAPACITY THAN THE MASTER CURRENTLY POSSESSES!

REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE MASTER WANTS--
--YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE NOW OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!


I GOT 'IM, DAD!!!


IMPUDENT BRAT!
WHAAAM!!!
THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION WHY MY MEMORY IS HAZY ABOUT TODAY!
NOTHING LIKE GETTING THE SNOT KNOCKED OUT OF YOU!
THAT STILL LEAVES THREE AGAINST DAD!
GUESS I OUGHTTA-- HELP?
TRESPASSING IS ONE THING--
--BUT ATTACKING AN INNOCENT CHILD--
--IS UNFORGIVABLE!
BZZZT
SYSTEM SHUTDOWN --IN PROGRESS!
MALFUNCTION... MALFUNCTION... MALFUNCTION...
KER-RAASHH!!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SON?
YEAH, DAD--
--AS SOON AS MY HEAD STOPS SPINNING!
WHAT HAPPENED?


OUTSIDE FORCES TOTALLY UNAWARE OF WHAT THEY WERE DEALING WITH!
THE CHAOS EMERALD IS MANY THINGS--
--POWER SOURCE, AMPLIFIER, AND FORCE SHIELD AMONG THEM!
WHEN I PROJECTED MY CONSCIOUSNESS ONTO THE GEM, IT BECAME A CONDUIT FOR DRAINING THEIR POWER CIRCUITS!
IT'S BECAUSE OF THIS AWESOME POWER WE GUARDIANS MUST BE EVER VIGILANT THAT THE EMERALD NEVER FALLS INTO THE WRONG HANDS!
SO WHEN WILL I LEARN ABOUT ALL IT CAN DO?
SOMEDAY--
--BUT NOT TODAY!
HAH! I'M STILL LEARNING!
BUT DAD'S RIGHT!
WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY!
I'VE GOT TO DO WHAT I CAN TO SAVE DIMITRI!
WHOA! I'M BACK!
LIKE I NEVER LEFT!
THAT WAS OUR PEOPLE AT THE HOSPITAL!
WE MAY HAVE A LEAD TO DIMITRI!
ARE YOU COMING, GUARDIAN?
TO BE CONTINUED...